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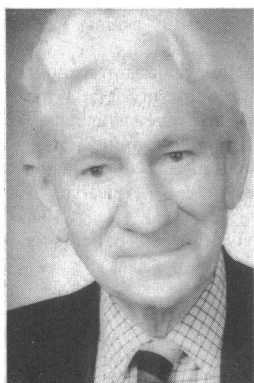
Ronnie McConnachie went to Chesterfield as a physician in both general medicine and geriatrics. He rapidly reorganised the geriatric service, and his flare and drive became evident. His persistence, innovation, and dedication resulted in the opening in 1972 of a day hospital and rehabilitation unit. In 1978 he gave up geriatrics and concentrated on developing facilities for coronary care and diabetes. He pioneered the use of diabetic liaison nurses and was the driving force behind successful public appeals for a computed tomography scanner and laser equipment.

Ronnie was a great support to his colleagues and a loyal and generous mentor and friend. His impish sense of humour was sometimes masked by brusqueness, but the scowl under the wild red locks was always rapidly replaced by a broad grin.

From 1980 he became increasingly active in management, and this culminated in his vice chairmanship of North Derbyshire Health Authority until its reorganisation in 1990. He fought fierce battles on behalf of patients and colleagues without malice. In 1988 he relinquished his sessions in diabetes and, at a time when most would be looking towards retirement, took on a new challenge, that of clinical audit. He introduced a new system of audit, which has become the basis for many programmes in the United Kingdom, and was in great demand as a speaker, especially after retiring from clinical work in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and children, Lindy, Glen, and Ian. Ian races in motorcycle grands prix, and Ronnie often acted as his manager.—M J GRUNDMAN

*Ronald William McConnachie, clinical audit coordinator for North Derbyshire Health Authority and consultant physician at Chesterfield Royal Hospital 1965-90, died 5 June aged 67. Born Huntly, Aberdeenshire, 24 May 1924; educated Gordon Academy, Huntly, and Aberdeen University Medical School (MB, ChB 1946). National service in Royal Air Force 1947-9. Senior registrar in geriatrics at Withington Hospital, Manchester; consultant physician (geriatrics) to Blackburn group of hospitals for three years.*



W M Robinson

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Wilfred Robinson and his partner knew the medical background of almost every inhabitant of the village of Kilmacoll and the surrounding countryside. Wilfred excelled at managing the many problems, both medical and social, that arise in a small closely knit community. He was also aware of the limitations imposed on a practitioner in such a community and was not slow to request consultant advice. In addition he provided part time medical help to Quarrier's Home, which had an epilepsy unit as well as being an orphanage, to the geriatric unit at Bridge of Weir Hospital, and to Erskine Hospital for ex-servicemen. He retired in 1977 to Killearn.

A first class rugby player, Wilfred had captained his school team, played for Scottish schoolboys, and, while at university, played scrum half for Glasgow Academicals and represented his city, Glasgow, at district level. His rugby career was cut short by a knee injury, but he maintained a keen interest in the game.

He was devoted to his family. There was a special relationship in that he and his brother married sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; their two daughters; and four grandchildren.—STUART G McALPINE

*Wilfred Martin Robinson, a general practitioner in Kilmacoll, Renfrewshire, 1947-77, died 29 August aged 78. Educated Glasgow Academy and Sedburgh School and Glasgow University (MB, ChB 1938). During war served in Royal Army Medical Corps in west Africa, becoming a major.*

**J WANIA**  
MD

Jamshed Wania, a clinical ophthalmologist in Pakistan, suffered a heart attack while operating on a patient and died the same day, but not before he had ensured that his corneas would be used to improve the eyesight of two young people. This action was typical of him: his life was spent at full pace but he always had time for others less well off than himself.

Jamshed Wania was highly respected for his work in various international organisations and above all for the work he did to promote and improve the status of ophthalmology in Pakistan. In this he was tireless. He was intensely, and rightly, proud of his countrymen's efforts to manage the overwhelming problems of eye disease in Pakistan. He ensured that he was aware of recent advances in ophthalmology, which he would discuss; he would then become proficient in the techniques and sometimes modify them so that they were applicable to the working conditions of his own country. He was responsible for introducing corneal transplantation into Pakistan against an unfavourable cultural and social background. His great optimism, sense of humour, and ability to get on with all types of people made no obstacle insuperable.

A founder member of the Ophthalmological Society of Pakistan, he had been its president for two terms and president of the Pakistan Medical Association Sindh for eight years. Having been a member of the council of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology since 1972, he had been its president for only a month. He had also served on the Afro Asian Council of Ophthalmology and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.—P G WATSON

*Jamshed Wania, a clinical ophthalmologist in Pakistan, died 18 June aged 62. Born 5 May 1929; studied medicine at Dow Medical College, Karachi (MD 1953). Was consultant in Karachi and associated with the Aga Khan University, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan, and Layton Rehmatoolah Hospital.*

**Dr Michael Langlois Montagnon**, MRCS, LRCP, formerly a general practitioner in Newport, Gwent, died on 6 August. Born on 16 November 1921 within the sound of Bow bells, he qualified at St Bartholomew's Hospital in 1946 and then did national service as an anaesthetist in a Royal Air Force hospital. General practice, however, was his chosen vocation, and he joined an old established practice in 1954. Monty, as he rapidly became known, was one of the earlier trainees in the specialty, and later he was for many years a trainer himself. A polished raconteur and accomplished mimic, he was amusing company. He enjoyed and was knowledgeable about classical music and French Impressionist painting. Monty retired in 1988 to enjoy his other love, gardening. He is survived by his wife, Judy; four daughters, one of whom is a general practitioner; and 12 grandchildren.—D H CLASON-THOMAS